Joint Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Committee Schedule Update

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FY 2015-17 Session Strategy: Shifting from "*Paying*" to "*Investing*"

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"America spends twice as much on health care than any other nation, but we don't have the healthiest people....research indicates that spending on health care to treat people may actually come at the expense of investing in public health programs meant to keep people from getting sick to start with."

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Geographic Variations in Public Health Spending: Correlates and Consequences" – October 2009



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Key Question for Any Program:

What outcome will you *require* for the investment you are making? Consider the following:

- Are resources being targeted for the right purpose/program? Does that purpose "fit" with the overall goal of the agency?
- Does the program produce positive, evidence-based outcomes?
- Is there an alternative that would yield a better result for the state overall?
- Is the program adequately or inadequately funded?
- Other committee requirements?

Where to Start? Focus for Long Session – Children (Birth -5)



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Planned Meeting Topics

- ✓ Organizational Meeting/DHHS Overview
- ✓ Secretary Wos and DHHS Staff Goals for FY 2015-17
- ✓ Implementation Status of Historical Budget Items and Legislation (posted to website)
- ✓ Program Evaluation Division Report "DHHS Should Integrate Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities into the Community-Based System and Improve Performance Management"
- Program Evaluation Division Report "Revising State Child Support Incentive System Could Promote Improved Performance of County Program" (Cancelled)
- ✓ School of Public Health North Carolina Health Outcome Comparisons (All Populations)
- ✓ School of Public Health North Carolina Health Outcome Comparisons for Children (Ages 0 5)
- ✓ School of Public Health North Carolina Health Outcome Comparisons (Birth Weight/Infant Mortality)
- ✓ Evidence-Based Policy Making Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative
- "How North Carolina Pays Providers" Fiscal Research Division (3/19 & 3/24)
- Medical Payments for Pregnant Women and Infants/Cost Analysis of High Risk Deliveries/Preterm Births (3/25)



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- North Carolina Public Health Programs for Children (Ages 0 5) (3/26)
- "How Can North Carolina Improve Birth Outcomes Through Evidence-Based Practices" (3/31)
- North Carolina Family Support Programs for Children (Ages 0 5) (4/1 and 4/2)
- Staff Wrap-Up and Committee Discussion